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remedy to this proceeding. It is but just to both to suppose that the reason why they have not heretofore acted is because they have not been made aware of the facts.

Chinese Mode of Torture.

The torture of the bedstead is resorted to in order to extort money. The victim is put on a wooden rack—fast on his back—and his neck, wrists and ankles are fastened down by boards having curved made large enough for the purpose. These instruments are pressed down on the joints of the body to which they are fastened, and are then tied under the bedstead. Besides all this sometimes a vol-

was stretched across his ankles—the police officer pressed his chin and pressed against it so that his head will be thrown backward and upward. In this position he is made to pass the night, unless the jailers relent, or he comes to their terms. No one is willing to sleep the second night on such a bedstead, if he can arrange matters with his keepers.

The tortures of the frame of the flower-eyebrow require the aid of the pencil for an intelligible description. One mode is to tie up the right arm, and another is to tie the wrist, and the hand turned upward; and another is to tie both wrists and the hands with the head downward; by either method the entire weight is brought to bear upon those delicate portions of the human frame. The punishment occurs

The torture called "the monkey grasp" or "the peacock's tail" is employed by Mandarin magistrates to compel a prisoner to confess his guilt. The weight of the body is wholly sustained by one arm, which is placed over a slender horizontal pole several feet from the earth, while the other arm, and legs, are passed under the pole, and locked together by the thumb of the other arm. No support is given to the body except by the thumb of the hand permitted to touch the ground. As the prisoner suffers his thumbs to be tied in this way, even with his feet on the floor; and he will soon realize the terrors of this fearful torture.

The torture of the cage is caused by compelling the culprit to stand on tiptoe with his head protruding through the top of it. The hole is just large enough for his neck, and if he attempts to rest himself by drawing up his legs, the weight of his body is brought to bear on his

The torture of the tube is caused by putting a large tube of bamboo, or a small bamboo pipe, turned bottom side up, upon the head of the culprit; incense is then lighted and so placed that the smoke shall ascend into the prisoner's head cover. As the smoke cannot escape through the top, the victim endures indescribable agony, or is suffocated, unless the instrument is removed.

A fiendish mode of torture occasionally used upon State prisoners is called the hot-water snake. Hollow reeds, about half an inch in diameter, are used, and the fumes of snakes, are so constructed that they can be wound round the arms of the prisoner. Another, and the third coil, is sometimes wound round the body. Boiling hot water is then poured into the mouth of these snakes, and as it runs through the hollow tubes it burns into the anhappy victim's flesh and occasions the most exquisite torment. This devilish contrivance is still

The torture of the shirt of iron will be even more disgraceful than the halter, because the shirt of iron is made of a very fine iron wire, with interlaces as thin as those of a fishing net, is put upon the prisoner, the clothing from the upper part of the body having been removed. A cord is attached to it in such a way that when pulled the shirt will press down closely on the body, and the skin and flesh will protrude more or less through the interlaces. A knife-like instrument is then passed over the wire on the outside, cutting the escaping skin, gradually skin and flesh. This operation is repeated in the opinion of the dispenser of justice.

The torture of the whip of books is no less inhuman. A large number of very

hundred the fibres of hemp. The whole is then used as a whip with which to beat the prisoner in order to elicit a confession. When a blow is given with this whip, many of the hooks will stick to the body of the victim, and unless a satisfactory confession is forthcoming the whip is pulled. The first hook will again fall, and another blow given. The operation is repeated according to the dictates of the presiding officer.

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